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STICK TO THE DECISION.

Manoa property-owners will be doing themselves and the city a favor if they give what help is in their power—and that is sufficient—to expedite the district improvement work now contemplated.

The Manoa improvement is more than merely a local improvement. It is in many ways a model on which future work will be based. For more than three years the city has been endeavoring to get the local assessment or frontage-tax plan of improvement launched in Honolulu. It has been and still is a hard fight. In many sections, particularly where the property owners have listened to the barking of cheap politicians, the frontage-tax is looked upon as a method of robbing the poor man. Reason doesn't enter into this feeling. Soap box orators have told the voters in two municipal campaigns that all street improvements should be paid for out of the general fund, where there is plenty of money, and that the frontage-tax plan is a subterfuge to assess the small owner so heavily that he is plunged into permanent debt or evicted from his home. Against this sort of ignorance-fed sentiment the supervisors are now earnestly striving to make their way. They know and Honoluluans who are familiar with mainland conditions know that practically every city and town in the United States recognizes the local-assessment plan as financially and morally the logical plan for paying for street and road improvements.

Manoa offers conditions as nearly ideal for a fair try-out of the frontage-tax plan as any section in Honolulu, far more nearly ideal than most. The residents are generally well-to-do, progressive, up-to-date, and public spirited. They need the improvement badly and are willing to pay for it by individual assessment. They are as able to judge of the character of paving they want and the price that should be paid for it as the people of any section of the city. In other words, their attitude is definitely favorable toward the local improvement idea and its application in their own instance.

A favorable verdict from Manoa, after a fair try-out of the plan, will be a strong influence on other sections of the city. It will answer the campaign orators who would blind the small-property owners by specious argument solely for political reasons. It will help Honolulu to work out the troublesome problem of paving material—what sort of material to use and how much to pay for it.

The present board of supervisors is pledged to forward the local-assessment plan. That plan is based on the approval of a certain majority of property-owners in the section under consideration. Manoa has provided the necessary majority and the supervisors should now go ahead with the work just as rapidly as possible. There is some speculation as to whether the bonds will be acceptable to financiers. The only way to secure an answer to this is to give the plan a try-out.

Manoa has decided on one plan. Stick to it.

DOING WILSON A SERVICE.

W. J. Bryan's resignation from the cabinet did President Wilson a signal service because it again showed to the country a president neither bellicose nor craven in spirit.

The second note to Germany on submarine warfare, like the first, contains only such sentiments as 99 per cent of the rest of the country can subscribe to on the ground of justice and humanity. The exceptions are either the peace-at-any-price gentry or those whose alien blood still runs so warm as to prevent their taking a truly nationalistic view of war and war conditions.

Had it not been for the Bryan resignation, not half the attention would have been paid the second Wilson note as was immediately accorded it. The American people scanned this note closely and found it to agree remarkably with their own opinions.

"STARVING GERMANY OUT."

The plan of the Allies to "starve Germany out" seems to be no nearer realization now than when it first began to be talked of, six months ago. Not only is Germany nearly doubling her production of foodstuffs by cultivating every possible vacant space in towns and cities as well as the country, but she is also securing large amounts of grain and other commodities

that enormous quantities of foodstuffs are pouring into Germany through Switzerland.

It seems that a convention ratified between France and Switzerland on July 26, 1914, provides that in case of war, France shall supply the federal government of Switzerland with 300,000 tons of cereal a year. Reports are that 100 trucks each loaded with between twelve and fifteen tons of cereals, cross the French frontier every day for the Cornavin station at Geneva, while in ordinary times the monthly exports did not exceed 4000 or 5000 tons. At the same time enormous quantities of potatoes, beans, oil, and other vegetable products are passing into Switzerland via Pontarlier.

To prevent commerce in contraband, all merchandise is forwarded to a particular department or province of the Swiss Confederation. It was found that a considerable proportion of the supplies went to Augst, close to the frontier point where the German and Swiss railway systems are linked up.

Italy has also been a fruitful source of supply for the Germans, but for some weeks before the outbreak of war between Italy and Austria the Italian government placed an embargo on all food exports and stopped most of the traffic across the border and up to Germany through Switzerland.

The incredulity aroused by the report that President Wilson was planning to displace Robert Lansing as secretary of state was well-founded, as it turns out. A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania and Former Governor Baldwin of Connecticut were mentioned for the place. It now appears that the appointment to be made is that of a successor to Lansing as counselor of the state department, the position being left vacant when he was elevated to the first post in the cabinet.

The threatened congestion of commerce in the port is no longer threatened—it is here. For years the prophets have been preaching preparedness—more wharf space, slips, freight-handling facilities—and for years the preparations have been dragging. Now, with a steadily-increasing commerce and an emergency caused by the presence of the German "refugee" ships, the berthing facilities are inadequate.

The board of supervisors is to be commended for launching a vigorous policy of sidewalk construction. Like most improvements, sidewalk-building will lag without a consistent and persistent force to keep the owners moving.

Mr. Bryan may find comfort in the thought expressed by some businessmen that nothing the administration could do would make things worse in Mexico.—Chicago Daily News.

King Victor Emmanuel is going to the front in the war just as does King Albert of Belgium. He recently commanded the troops at the capture of an Austrian town.

If Secretary Wood hadn't been fired until next month, it's a safe bet he wouldn't have been fired at all—four new members take their seats on the board at that time.—Maui News.

It is acknowledged that the torpedoing of the Gulfport was a mistake. What about the whole war?—Chicago Daily News.

Is the Manoa paving project to be held up as long by individual difference of opinion as Honolulu's federal building?

The difficulty with elevating some Democratic candidates to the bench is that the elevation is too great.

Recognizing a Mexican government is a good deal like identifying a tooth on a buzz-saw.—Boston Transcript.

As the reports come in, it appears that the safe and sane Fourth movement did not extend to the war-zone.

"England to Keep War Metals at Home." The greatest of these is gold.

Few cities can afford as many crossing-policemen as Honolulu.

Holt—or Muentner—had probably dynamited his hyphen.

John Barleycorn's forces are also suffering

THE FALLING OUT

"I wish I had a runabout,"
Said Jacqueline to me.
"I would be so handy when I'm out
A-shopping, or to tea
When to the matinee I go
I would be no luxury,
But save in taxi fares, I know."
(A sidelong glance at me.)

"I would cut in half my bills for
clothes.
Yes, really, dear, it would,
For every careful woman knows
She'll ruin a skirt that's good
By always climbing in and out
The dirty old street cars.
I wish I had a runabout."
(Her eyes were bright as stars.)

"One runabout's enough for me,"
I said, and tried to smile.
"To keep the car I have, you see,
Each month exhausts my pile.
My dear," I gazed upon the floor—
"You are my runabout."
Jacqueline rose—swept through the
door.
(It banged as she went out.)
—ABSE.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—SHERIFF ROSE: The celebration of Independence Day at Honolulu July 4 and 5 should go on record as the quietest and most free from rowdiness and disturbance of any in the city's history.

HARBORMASTER FOSTER: It's up to the harbor commission to find room for visiting tramp freighters which call here for bunker coal. The shortage of berthing space at territorial wharves is acute.

—A. L. C. ATKINSON: The Progressive Party is decidedly on deck. Every Progressive candidate was elected for the charter convention—batting average 1000. The mayor of Puuloa and the mayor of Woodlawn, Manoa, are good Progressives.

—CHARLES R. FORBES, superintendent of public works: I think that every road built in the territory should have a 10-year guarantee. And that guarantee should be made part of the contractor's bond, in order to thoroughly protect the territory.

—SUPERVISOR DANIEL LOGAN: The fitting up of a ward in the Queen's hospital and the employment of a physician on a regular salary to be on duty at all times, is the best move that the city can make toward looking after emergency cases at present.

—MARSHAL J. J. SMIDDY: My trip to Pago Pago and Australia to get a prisoner and return him won't be much like a vacation. If he ever steps ashore in Sydney he can laugh at the American law. I'll have to see that he's kept on board the steamer.

—CAPT. HANS THOMPSON: When the Persia left the Coast there was very little authentic information concerning the disposition of the Pacific Mail liners. There is certainly enough cargo along the shores of the Pacific to fill steamers of their tonnage many times over.

—COL. J. W. JONES: The recent ruling of the war department which permits the state to purchase certain articles of field equipment for issue to officers is a very good move. It will lessen the financial burden on national guard officers to a considerable extent.

—"SONNY" CUNHA: I am getting out two new Hawaiian songs; one of them is "Take Me Back to Honolulu" and the other, "Honolulu Ragtime Hula Dance." This is the first year that Hawaiian music has been properly placed before the public throughout the United States.

—CONSUL ARITA: I have had no direct word in regard to the transfers of ministers and other officers that have been mentioned in the cablegrams of late. Usually at the end of June and December each year these transfers are made, and though I have expected certain ones I have as yet no official news concerning them.

—C. C. LITTLEFIELD, New York training ship Newport: The Honolulu harbor line 27 years ago and today are two entirely different matters. Then, you saw a forest of tall masts from a large fleet of whalers and general cargo packets which made the port a rendezvous. I had no chance to see the city years ago, but had an excellent view of the shipping from the old San Mateo.

Sergeant Major Julius Molt, U. S. A., a native of Germany was naturalized as a citizen in the District of Columbia supreme court. Molt served thirty-one years in the Sixth Cavalry.

Informal announcement was made at the Navy department that the Atlantic fleet will engage in target practice early in the fall. The exercises will be held off the Virginia Capes, probably.

DWELLINGS FOR RENT.

FURNISHED			
1940 Young St.	2 bedrooms	.....	\$40.00
1227 Piikoi St.	3 "	.....	50.00
2224 Kalia Rd., Waikiki	2 "	.....	50.00
2223 Kalia Rd., Waikiki	2 "	.....	50.00
Center Ave.	2 "	.....	25.00
College Hills	3 "	.....	60.00
Tantalus Heights	3 "	.....	45.00
UNFURNISHED			
1605 Anapuni St.	3 bedrooms	.....	\$30.00
2454 Ferdinand St.	2 "	.....	45.00
1058 14th Ave.	2 "	.....	30.00
2463 Upper Manoa Rd.	3 "	.....	40.00
1028 Green St.	4 "	40.00
1475 Thurston Ave.	4 "	40.00
Center Ave.	2 "	15.00
Kunawai Lane	2 "	20.00

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OFFERS NEW NATIONAL HYMN

Robert Rhothgar Locke of Philadelphia has composed words and music for a new national hymn which he hopes to popularize in the United States. The hymn was played and sung for the first time in public at Asbury Park, Philadelphia, on July 5, as part of the Independence Day exercises. The words of Mr. Locke's hymn follow:

THE STARS AND STRIPES HYMN

E'er yet the stars were born, God formed thee like the morn,
To which all hearts shall turn, With love and pride.
Deep from the womb of night, God drew thy shining light,
Far from a soundless sea, Of Liberty.
Fair as a rose at dawn, God formed thee like the morn,
Rugged with sleepless hills, Against the sky.

We love thy sea to sea Wide sweeping majesty,
Far from the sweep of thee, Let sunsets flee,
For swift as light doth fade, When sunset westward seeks,
Thy hills and plains arrayed, With bristling peaks,
Still front the light of day, Still fire the sun-set gun,
Always the Stars and Stripes shall front the sun.

Led by their dream of thee, Pilgrims from o'er the sea,
Fleeing the gathering night, Turned toward thy light.
When tried by foes and wild, Fire tried for home and child,
War swept they died for thee, And Liberty.
Let not their deathless fame, Make all thy past in vain,
Thy splendid past that fills, Mine eyes with tears.

Led by the need of thee, Brethren across the sea,
Fearing the darkening night, Turn toward thy light.
Hear ye those meaning cries, See ye those blood red skies,
Haste, E'er the daylight dies, Hear ye those cries.
Stretch forth thine arm to save, In mercy, not in wrath,
Rise to thy sacred trust, Rise to thy trust.

ROBERT RHOTHGAR LOCKE.

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WILSON POPULAR BUT REELECTION TO BE DOUBTED

Returning From Visit to Mainland, Attorney Withington Talks of Political Outlook—Says America Must Finance World After War is Ended

"President Wilson is quite popular throughout the country, but he hasn't a ghost of a show to be re-elected."

This vigorous comment from Attorney D. L. Withington, who has just returned from a trip to the mainland which took him to Washington, New York, Boston, Chicago and other representative cities, at once drew from the Star-Bulletin man who was interviewing him the natural question: "Why?"

"For two reasons," said Mr. Withington, "and I don't mind a bit being quoted on this because on the mainland it's generally recognized.

"The South and the Irish element among American voters control all the patronage, while the North and West and the rest of the Americans resent it and will continue to resent it.

"Second, while people think that Wilson's foreign policy is theoretically correct, they differ very vigorously—notably as regards Mexico—in its application. The theory seems to be all right but—and this is commonly said—when it came to applying it to particular instances it was badly done. In the Mexican situation, for instance, it is generally felt that he should have recognized Huerta.

"In the matter of patronage, the resentment is particularly bitter against the whole administration. It is known that only one important committee chairmanship in the house is held by a northerner—Fitzgerald of New York. The South has controlled all appointments, civil service has gone to the dogs. What the southerners don't control the Irish do. There is a revival of feeling against the Irish—not religious animosity, either. In Chicago an Irishman who took a German name was defeated in the majority election by about the largest majority ever polled."

Mr. Withington stopped and then grinned broadly "I'll tell you, Taft is the representative man in the country today—of course he couldn't be elected on account of Roosevelt, but he's the representative man. Wilson has been mighty lucky but I can't see anything but a Republican victory in 1916.

"It is generally felt that Wilson's European policy is very strong. I myself think that Bryan is partly responsible for it and that he deserves some of the credit. Bryan's resignation and his letters had a beneficial effect—they strengthened the anti-war people."

Mr. Withington comments that when Bryan resigned the big financiers and others were very fearful that war was imminent. He says moreover that the big financiers are "scared out of their boots—they figure that America must finance the world after the war and don't see how they're going to do it. In some ways they're just as scared of peace as war."

He said that the growth of the sentiment against oppressive railroad legislation is one of the most significant features of the day and that the new

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"GOOD TIMES" ON OTHER ISLANDS, SAYS DR. FRY

Dr. William H. Fry, superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal mission, and having charge of the Korean, Filipino, and Japanese work, returned this morning from a trip to Maui and Hawaii. Dr. Fry took in all of his work on both islands, and reports conditions good. There is plenty of work on the plantations for the laborers, Dr. Fry says, and all the people are optimistic. The plantation managers all report a bumper year for sugar, and this general welfare exists in all the places visited.

Dr. Fry joined a party at Waikuku and ascended Haleakala, spending the night of July 5 on the mountain. Dr. J. W. Wadman, who was with Dr. Fry on the other islands, will not return until Saturday.

Dr. Constantin Dumba, Austrian ambassador, called at the State department and expressed his thanks for President Wilson's successful appeal to the czar for American inspection of Austrian prison camps in Siberia.

"Retail Advertising and the Price" is the topic for the business man on today's Page 9.

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1325 Palolo Valley Road	2 "	20.00
1028 Piikoi St.	3 "	30.00
602 Wyllie St.	4 "	45.00
2205 McKinley St., Manoa	3 "	45.00
1704 King St.	2 "	30.00
1579 Piikoi St.	3 "	37.50
Cor. Kamehameha Ave. and Manoa	2 "	40.00
Hackfeld & Prospect Sts.	2 "	27.50
1246 Kin au St.	3 "	30.00
1004 W. 5th Ave., Kaimuki	4 "	16.00
1313 Makiki St.	3 "	29.00
1205 Wilhelmina Rise, Kaimuki	3 "	25.00
1328 Kin au St.	3 "	35.00
770 Kin au St.	4 "	32.50
1339 Wilder Ave.	4 "	40.00
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1317 Makiki St.	3 "	35.00
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